DELTA MISSPELLED NAME CORRECTION

Found a typo on your Delta ticket? Travelers can call **(855) 234-9809** anytime to correct misspelled names before flight day — 24/7 desk for quick typo fixes and TSA Secure Flight database updates.

A misspelled name on a Delta ticket is one of the most common booking errors and one of the most stressful to discover. The error might be as small as a single transposed letter — “Jonh” instead of “John” — or as significant as a fully reversed first and last name. Whatever the form, TSA Secure Flight requirements mean the name on the ticket must reasonably match the name on the government-issued ID presented at airport security. Even small mismatches can trigger additional screening or, in serious cases, denied boarding. To resolve a typo before it becomes a travel-day problem, travelers can dial **(855) 234-9809** and reach a name correction specialist who can verify the discrepancy, process the fix, and update the TSA Secure Flight database in a single call. This guide explains exactly what counts as a “minor” correction, how Delta treats typos differently from full name changes, what the process actually involves, when corrections are free and when they carry fees, and the time-sensitive steps that should be taken the moment a typo is discovered.

What Counts as a Minor Misspelling at Delta?

Delta distinguishes between minor misspellings and full name changes, and the distinction determines both the fee structure and the documentation requirements. To verify which category a specific error falls into, travelers can call **(855) 234-9809** and describe the discrepancy.

A misspelling is typically classified as “minor” at Delta when:

- The error involves 1 to 3 characters total across the entire name
- The intended name is clearly recognizable from the misspelled version
- The first letter of the first name and last name remain unchanged
- The error is a clear typing mistake rather than a different name
- No legal name change is involved

Examples of minor misspellings that typically qualify for free correction:

- **Single character typo**: “Robret” instead of “Robert”, “Smtih” instead of “Smith”
- **Missing letter**: “Crstine” instead of “Christine”, “Wlliam” instead of “William”
- **Extra letter**: “Johnn” instead of “John”, “Mariaa” instead of “Maria”
- **Letters transposed**: Common confusion patterns within the same name root
- **Missing or extra hyphen**: “Mary-Anne” vs “Maryanne”

Errors that exceed the minor classification typically require more documentation and possibly a fee:

- More than 3 characters different from the legal name
- First name changed significantly (e.g., “Bob” vs “Robert” is often acceptable if both are common variants, but “Mike” vs “Michael” may need clarification)
- Last name changed for any reason other than typo (marriage, divorce, court order)
- Name on ticket completely different from name on ID

Travelers calling **+1-855-234-9809** with a borderline situation should describe the error precisely. The agent has discretion to classify it as a minor correction in many cases, which keeps the process simple and fee-free.

Why Misspelled Names Cannot Be Ignored

A misspelled name on a Delta ticket is not just an inconvenience — it can result in real travel problems. The TSA Secure Flight program requires the name on a boarding ticket to reasonably match the name on the government-issued ID presented at security. Mismatches trigger consequences ranging from additional screening to denied boarding.

What can happen if a misspelling is not corrected:

- **Additional security screening**: Even a minor mismatch can flag the passenger for secondary screening at TSA checkpoints, adding 15 to 30 minutes to the airport experience and potentially causing missed flights.
- **Difficulty checking in online**: The Fly Delta app and delta.com may refuse online check-in when the name does not match the TSA Secure Flight record, forcing the traveler to check in at the airport counter where lines are longer.
- **Denied boarding for significant mismatches**: When the name on the ticket is substantively different from the ID, gate agents have authority to refuse boarding. This is rare but real, particularly for international travel where passport names are scrutinized.
- **Reissue fees at the airport**: If the mismatch is caught at check-in and the ticket must be corrected on the spot, processing fees may apply that would not have applied if the correction had been made in advance.
- **Loss of original ticket conditions**: When a ticket is reissued at the airport, the original conditions and assignments may not transfer cleanly to the new ticket.

These consequences are entirely avoidable. Travelers who notice a typo even days before the flight can call **1.855.234.9809** and have the correction processed cleanly with no travel-day impact.

Step-by-Step: How to Correct a Misspelled Name on Your Delta Ticket

The fastest path to fixing a typo is to call Delta directly. Online tools handle only the simplest single-character corrections, and even those sometimes fail. To process the correction efficiently, travelers should dial **(855) 234-9809** with the following information ready.

Step 1 — Identify the exact error Compare the name on your Delta confirmation email letter-by-letter against the name on your government-issued ID (passport for international travel, driver's license or state ID for domestic). Note the exact discrepancy in writing.

Step 2 — Confirm the timing Name corrections are easiest when made well before departure. Calling **+1-855-234-9809** weeks in advance gives the most flexibility. Calling within 24 hours of departure is still possible but more constrained.

Step 3 — Have your booking information ready Confirmation code, ticket number (13 digits, starts with 006 for Delta), original payment method last four digits, and the correct name as it appears on your ID.

Step 4 — Dial and request correction Call **1-855-234-9809** and say: "I need to correct a typo on confirmation [X]. The ticket name shows [incorrect name] but my ID says [correct name]. This is a [X]-character correction." Clear phrasing routes to the right specialist.

Step 5 — Verify the corrected ticket Before ending the call, ask the agent to email a new confirmation showing the corrected name. Verify the spelling letter-by-letter against your ID. Confirm the TSA Secure Flight record has been updated. Get a reference number for the correction.

Step 6 — Test online check-in if you have time If your flight is more than 24 hours away, try checking in online or accessing the boarding ticket through the Fly Delta app. If the system recognizes you and proceeds normally, the correction has propagated correctly.

Phone vs Online for Misspelled Name Correction

Delta's online tools have very limited capability for name corrections. Knowing in advance which path applies saves frustration. To get a definitive answer for a specific booking, travelers can call **(855) 234-9809** first.

What delta.com and the Fly Delta app can typically handle:

- Single-character typo in some bookings (often fails)
- Missing or extra space in name
- Capitalization fixes (though these rarely matter for TSA)

What requires phone help:

- Any correction of 2 or more characters
- First and last name swap
- Missing middle name addition

- Name correction on tickets booked through travel agencies
- Name correction on award tickets booked with SkyMiles
- Name correction on tickets paid with multiple forms of payment
- Multi-passenger bookings where one or more names need correction

The pattern is consistent: anything beyond the simplest single-character fix benefits from a live agent who can update both the ticket and the TSA Secure Flight record in real time. Travelers calling **+1-855-234-9809** typically resolve the correction in 10 to 20 minutes.

Is There a Fee for Correcting a Misspelled Name at Delta?

Most minor misspelling corrections at Delta are free of charge when handled within the carrier's correction policy. The fee structure depends on the severity of the error, how the ticket was purchased, and the timing of the correction.

Typical fee structure as of 2026:

- **Single character typo on a ticket purchased through Delta directly**: Generally free
- **2 to 3 character typo on a ticket purchased through Delta**: Generally free
- **More than 3 character correction**: May be treated as a name change rather than correction, with fee implications
- **Tickets purchased through travel agencies**: The agency may charge a processing fee even when Delta does not
- **Award tickets with SkyMiles**: Generally same rules as paid tickets for typo corrections
- **Corrections made at airport check-in**: May involve reissue fees that would not apply if the correction were made by phone in advance

The clearest cost savings come from catching the error early and calling **1.855.234.9809** well before departure. Last-minute corrections at the airport are not only stressful but potentially more expensive than corrections handled days or weeks in advance.

When to Escalate If Delta Refuses to Correct a Typo

In rare cases, an agent at Delta may refuse to process a correction that the traveler believes should be permitted. To escalate the request, callers can ask for supervisor review during the same call to **855-234-9809**.

Situations warranting escalation:

- The error is clearly a typo (1-3 characters) but the agent claims it requires legal documentation
- The correction is being treated as a name change with associated fees
- The agent refuses to process the correction at all
- The booking was made through a third party but the typo originated from Delta's system
- Multi-passenger bookings where some travelers are corrected and others are not

Supervisor escalation typically resolves the matter within the same call. If escalation does not produce a result, travelers can contact Delta customer relations after the call or escalate to a DOT consumer complaint if the issue affects flight day. Most typo corrections are resolved well before escalation is needed.

Best Time to Call (855) 234-9809 for Typo Corrections

The Delta name correction line operates 24/7, but hold times vary significantly by time of day and day of week.

Lowest wait times Tuesday through Thursday mornings between 5:00 and 9:00 AM Eastern Time. Typo correction calls typically connect in 2 to 4 minutes during this window.

Highest wait times Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. Holiday weekends and major disruption events drive volume up significantly.

Late-night calls Between 10:00 PM and 2:00 AM Eastern Time, call volume drops significantly. The line at **(855) 234-9809** stays open around the clock — late-night calls are often the fastest path during high-volume periods.

SkyMiles Medallion priority lines SkyMiles Medallion members have access to dedicated phone numbers that also

handle name corrections with shorter queues.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I fix a misspelled name on my Delta ticket online?

Sometimes, for single-character typos. Most misspelling corrections at Delta require phone help because the online tool cannot update the TSA Secure Flight database for multi-character corrections. To process the fix reliably, travelers should call **(855) 234-9809** with the confirmation code in hand.

Is there a fee to correct a typo on a Delta ticket?

Minor typo corrections of 1 to 3 characters are typically free on tickets purchased directly through Delta. Larger corrections may carry fees depending on how the ticket was purchased and the timing of the correction. To verify the exact cost for a specific situation, travelers can call **+1-855-234-9809**.

How long does a name correction take at Delta?

A typical phone correction takes 10 to 20 minutes from the moment the agent connects. The TSA Secure Flight database update is usually instant. The corrected ticket is emailed within minutes of processing. Complex corrections involving documentation can take longer. Callers can dial **1.855.234.9809** to start the process.

What happens if I do not correct a misspelled name before my Delta flight?

A small misspelling may go unnoticed at security but can trigger additional screening that delays check-in. Significant mismatches can result in denied boarding, particularly for international flights. The safest approach is to call **855-234-9809** the moment the error is noticed, well before departure.

Can my middle name be missing from my Delta ticket?

Generally yes — TSA Secure Flight does not strictly require the middle name to match in most cases, though some international destinations enforce stricter matching. If you want the middle name added for safety, the correction is typically free and can be processed in a single call to **1-855-234-9809**.

Before You Make the Call

A misspelled name on a Delta ticket is a fixable problem when caught early. The longer you wait, the more constrained the options become — and on the day of travel, errors that were trivial weeks earlier can become major obstacles. Knowing what counts as a minor correction, having the booking and ID information ready, and calling the dedicated correction line directly turns a stressful discovery into a routine 15-minute call. Travelers who check their tickets immediately after booking — not days before departure — catch errors when they are easiest and cheapest to fix.

The Delta name correction desk is staffed around the clock, every day of the year, to handle typo fixes and full name changes alike. Travelers can reach the team through several phone formats depending on preference and dial pattern: **(855) 234-9809** for the standard parenthetical format, **1-855-234-9809** or **855-234-9809** for the hyphenated long and short formats, **+1-855-234-9809** for international dialers, or **1.855.234.9809** for the dot-separated format. All routes connect to the same name correction team with full access to the Delta booking system and TSA Secure Flight verification tools. For travelers who notice a typo, the most important step is acting quickly — small errors corrected weeks in advance take a fraction of the time and cost compared to corrections attempted at the airport on the day of travel. Save the number now, before you need it.